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WEDNESDAY VISUAL/STORY OP: Local police officers carry torch for Special Olympics

- What:** 2012 Law Enforcement Torch Run
- Who:** Eugene Police Personnel along with Special Olympics athletes
- When:** ***Wednesday, July 11, at 10:30 a.m.***
- Interviews:** Around 10:30 a.m., after the arrival at Valley River Center
- Where:** Northeast corner of VRC parking lot
(southwest corner of Valley River Way and Valley River Drive)

The Flame of Hope torch, carried by local law enforcement officers as part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, will pass through Lane County on Wednesday July 11, with law enforcement personnel carrying the Special Olympics Torch through Oregon to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is occurring throughout the state. The Torch will be run through Eugene by members of EPD, along with Special Olympic Athletes.

At about 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Eugene Police participants will receive the torch from Springfield Police in front of the Juvenile Justice Center, 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. They will run the torch to Valley River Center, taking the route Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to Club Road to Country Club / Willagillespie Road. Special Olympic athletes will join the group for the last 0.8 miles of the run to Valley River Center, arriving at VRC around 10:30 a.m.

At the Valley River Center break both police personnel and Special Olympic Athletes will be available for interviews.

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MEDIA NOTE: For any media members interested in jogging the portion of the run with the athletes approximately .8 miles from Country Club Road to Valley River Center please contact the public information office to arrange.

